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SUBJECT: BELGRADE CSCE: JULY 29 - AFTERNOON MEETING

SUMMARY: AFTER CONTACT GROUP DISSOLVED MORNING OF JULY 29
UNABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON REMAINING POINTS OF CONTENTION,
SPANISH REP INTRODUCED PAPER ON BEHALF OF HIS DELEGATION IN LATE
AFTERNOON PLENARY. MAIN NEUTRAL/NON-ALIGNED (NNA) DELS
URGED ITS ACCEPTANCE. SOVIET, SOME WESTERN (INCLUDING USDEL,
AND ROMANIAN DELS INDICATED PROBLEMS WITH KEY FORMULATIONS,
PLENARY WILL MEET JULY 30, AND EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY TO RESUME
SOME FORM OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS TO RESOLVE REMAINING ISSUES.
END SUMMARY.

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1. NEW PAPER, FORMALLY INTRODUCED AS DOCUMENT P/12,
SETS OUT THOSE POINTS ON WHICH CONTACT GROUP REACHED IN-
FORMAL AGREEMENT OVER PAST FEW DAYS, AND CONTAINS
SPANISH AMBASSADOR'S PERSONAL EFFORT TO IDENTIFY ACCEPTABLE
SOLUTIONS TO KEY ISSUES IN POINT 13 OF ORGANIZATIONAL
SECTION. WE ARE TRANSMITTING FULL TEXT OF SPANISH PAPER
BY SEPTTEL. TWO MAJOR ELEMENTS OF POINT 13 DEALT WITH IN

SPANISH PAPER INVOLVE DURATION OF WORKING BODIES (THIRD SENTENCE) AND OVERALL DURATION OF MAIN MEETING (FINAL SENTENCE). ON FORMER, SPANISH REP CHOSE FIRM CUT-OFF VERB "WILL COMPLETE THEIR WORK" WHICH IS FAVORED BY SOVIETS, OVER TARGET VERBS "SHOULD", "WILL TRY TO", OR "WILL ENDEAVOR TO" PREFERRED BY NNA AND WESTERN DELS; HOWEVER, HE SELECTED DECEMBER 9 AS DATE BY WHICH WORKING BODIES WOULD HAVE TO END RATHER THAN DECEMBER 2 DATE URGED BY SOVIETS. SPANISH REP DID NOT SELECT NNA AND WESTERN PREFERENCE FOR FINAL SENTENCE CAST IN NEGATIVE FORM (" MEETING WILL NOT END ITS WORK WOITHOUT HAVING ADOPTED...") OR COMPROMISE VERSION OF A POSITIVE SENTENCE THAT WOULD HAVE SPECIFIED THAT MEETING WOULD END "AFTER FIXING THE DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SIMILAR MEETING AND BY ADOPTING A CONCLUDING DOCUMENT." HE SELECTED INSTEAD FORMULATION, WHICH IS ACCEPTABLE TO SOVIETS, THAT "THE MEETING WILL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGENDA, END BY ADOPTING A CONCLUDING DOCUMENT AND BY FIXING THE DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SIMILAR MEETING."

2. ON TWO LESSER POINTS, SPANISH REP INDICATED THAT PLENARY MIGHT SET UP DRAFTING GROUPS (PLURAL) TO HELP IT PREPARE FINAL DOCUMENT AFTER WORKING BODIES CLOSE (SOVIETS PREFERRED TO SPEAK OF ONLY ONE SUCH GROUP), AND FINESSED QUESTION OF WHETHER "MEETING" OR "PLENARY" WOULD STRIVE TO AGREE ON CONCLUDING DOCUMENT NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 15 BY MERELY SAYING "EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE.."

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WITHOUT A MORE PRICISE SUBJECT.

3. MAJOR MEMBERS OF NNA GROUP, INCLUDING AUSTRIA, SWEDEN, YUGOSLAVIA, SWITZERLAND AND MALTA, URGED ACCEPTANCE OF SPANISH PAPER AS IT STANDS, IN ORDER TO CLOSE PREPARATORY MEETING, WHILE ADMITTING THAT THEY WERE LESS THAN SATISFIED WITH SOME OF ITS FORMULATIONS.

4. UK DEL SAID IT WAS "HIGHLY IMPORTANT" TO RECAST DECEMBER 9 FROM FIXED TERMINATION DATE FOR WORKING BODIES TO TARGET DATE BY CHANGING "WILL COMPLETE" TO 28)) AIM TO COMPLETE." USDEL WELCOMED SPANISH EFFORT TO FIND SOLUTION BUT SAID WE STILL HAD PROBLEMS WITH THE TWO KEY SENTENCES IN POINT 13 AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS CHANGES IN ANY SUITABLE FORUM. PORTUGUESE AND FRENCH DELS TOOK FAIRLY STRONG LINE ABOUT PROBLEMS WITH FORMULATIONS ON WORKING BODIES AND TERMINATION OF MAIN MEETING. ITALY INDICATED SOME PROBLEMS REMAINED WITH POINT 13, AND BELGIAN REP SAID SOME POINTS COULD BE IMPROVED BUT THAT HE WOULD REFER TEXT TO HIS AUTHORITIES FOR VIEWS. FRG

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REP UNHELPFULLY URGED ALL DELS TO SEND TEXT TO
AUTHORITIES FOR REACTION AS ONLY "A VERB, A DATE, A LETTER
AND A SENTENCE" REMAIN UNAGREED IN SINGLE POINT OF ENTIRE
PAPER AND PRESS WOULD CRITICIZE PREPARATORY MEETING IF
AGREEMENT NOT REACHED SOON.

5. ROMANIAN REP WAS ONLY SPEAKER TO INDICATE PROBLEM WITH
PARTS OF PAPER OTHER THAN POINT 13. HE SAID THAT HE WAS
DISSATISFIED WITH PROPOSAL THAT AGENDA INCLUDE REFERENCE
TO SETTING DATE AND PLACE FOR NEXT FOLLOW-UP MEETING ONLY
IN A CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, HIS
MAIN DIFFICULTY WAS WITH POINT 13, NAMELY "GUILLOTINE"
FOR WORKING BODIES AND "AMBIGUOUS AND WEAK" FORMULATION
ON DURATION OF MAIN MEETING. HE PROPOSED AS HIS PREFERRED
AMENDMENT TO FINAL SENTENCE FOLLOWING FORMULATION: "IN
ANY CASE THE MEETING WILL NOT COMPLETE ITS WORK WITH-
OUT ADOPTING ITS CONCLUDING DOCUMENT AND FIXING THE
DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SIMILAR MEETING." HE SAID HE
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COULD ALSO ACCEPT FOLLOWING FORMULATION: "IN ANY CASE THE

MEETING WILL COMPLETE ITS WORK AFTER ADOPTING ITS CONCLUDING DOCUMENT AND FIXING THE DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SIMILAR MEETING."

6. GDR REP CRITICIZED DECEMBER 9 AS DATE FOR FINISHING WORKING BODIES, SAYING IT SHOULD BE LATER THAN DECEMBER 2 IN ORDER TO GIVE PLENARY REALISTIC CHANCE TO COMPLETE WORK ON CONCLUDING DOCUMENT BY DECEMBER 15 TARGET DATE. HE ALSO URGED THAT POINT 13 INCLUDE REFERENCE TO POSSIBILITY OF PLENARY CREATING ONLY ONE DRAFTING GROUP TO ASSIST IT IN DRAWING UP CONCLUDING DOCUMENT. SOVIET REP SAID HE MIGHT HAVE MORE DETAILED COMMENTS AFTER FURTHER STUDY BY FIRST REACTION WAS THAT SPANISH PAPER BROUGHT MEETING "A FEW MORE STEPS FORWARD." HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT AGREEMENT WAS CLOSE ON ISSUE OF DURATION OF MAIN MEETING BUT SAID NOT ALL OTHER POINTS OF AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION WHICH SOVIETS CONSIDERED IMPORTANT WERE FULLY SATISFACTORY, "IN FIRST PLACE DURATION OF WORK IN THE WORKING BODIES." HE PLEDGED SOVIET DEL WOULD WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH OTHER DELS IN ORDER TO SOLVE REMAINING PROBLEMS IN NEAR FUTURE. PLENARY AGREED TO RESUME SATURDAY MORNING.

7. FOLLOWING PLENARY USDEL INFORMALLY SUGGESTED TO DELEGATIONS WHICH HAD EXPRESSED PROBLEMS WITH SPANISH PAPER (GDR, BELGIUM, FRANCE, UK, ROMANIA, USSR, NETHERLANDS AND PORTUGAL) THAT THESE DELS CONSTITUTE IFNORMAL CONTACT GROUP TO TRY TO RESOVLE REMAINING PROBLEMS IN PAPER. ALL DELS ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE AND AGREED TO ARRANGE MEETING TIME ON SATURDAY, JULY 30.
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